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Date:

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To:

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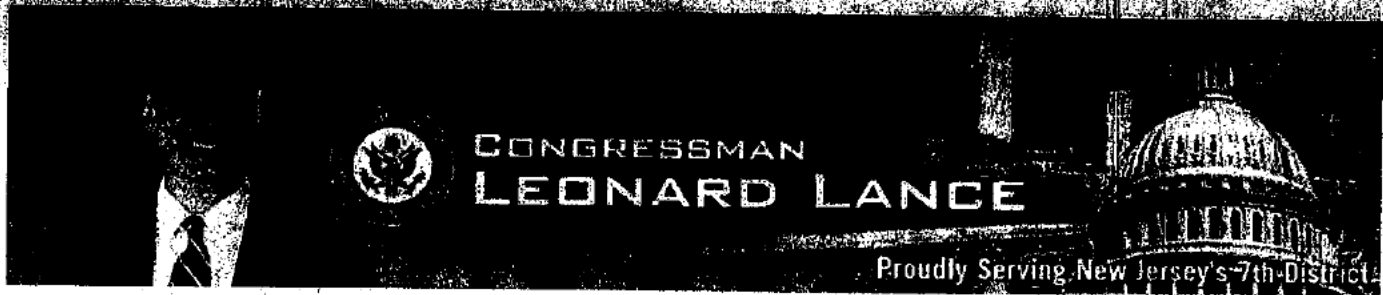
Message:

Please provide a response for Mr. (b) (6) regarding his not being enlisted in the Navy.

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Thank you,

(b) (6)



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Please print this form and email, fax or mail to:

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Please describe problem in detail: see attached

In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, I hereby authorize Congressman Lance or a member of his staff to make (b) (6) self.

SIGNATURE: (b) (6)

DATE: 12/16/2012

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2012 1:30 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: assistance regarding Navy enlistment
Attachments: Scan 12-16-12.pdf

Dear Congressman Lance-

My name is (b) (6). I am a resident of the town of (b) (6), 23 years old and a recent graduate of Providence College. I have twice tried to enlist in the Navy with a goal of entering the special operations area, but I have been denied on both occasions without the benefit of a clear explanation. At issue, for a time in high school and college, I was on medication for attention deficit disorder (ADD). However, I clearly meet the Navy's guidelines that state the condition is not disqualifying if "the applicant has demonstrated passing academic performance and there is no use of medication or special accommodations within the last year" (NAVMED P-117).

I have been off the medication for over a year, and have been functioning very successfully, both academically and at work. In particular:

- I have not taken ADD medication since May of 2011.
- Two different neurologists have declared that I have outgrown the condition.
- My GPA in my senior year of college (off medication) was 3.29
- While competing as a varsity swimmer in my senior year, earned Big East academic all-American designation.
- Worked as an ocean lifeguard at Sandy Hook National Park, summer of 2012, where I successfully worked 8 hour days as documented in a strong reference letter from my supervisor.
- Most recently, in September, 2012, I scored in the 97th percentile (out of a possible 99) on the ASVAB, (the armed forces intelligence and aptitude test). I was told by the recruiter that this was the highest score ever for their recruiting station.
- I am currently a substitute teacher in the Clark NJ, and Union County, NJ school districts.

I began my application process this June and over the last 6 months I was continuously assured that I would be approved. I have also yet to receive a straight answer as to specifically why I was denied when my history relative to NAVMED P-117 demonstrates that I should not be disqualified. Does the Navy have other, unpublished criteria, or are the decision makers applying some arbitrary standard? This is not a fair or honorable way to treat a citizen whose only desire is to serve his country.

Congressman Lance, would you be so kind as to look into this for me and perhaps intercede on my behalf?

I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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